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T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG

SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will

be conducted by the Hongkong and

Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their

premises in Hongkong. Business hours

on week-days, 10 to 3:30 P.M.

to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and

Shanghai Banking Corporation will

form a direct security for the repay-

ment of sums deposited in the above

Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250

at one time will not be received. No

depositor may deposit more than \$1,500

in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relatives,

trusts, &c., in addition to the deposi-

tor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less

than a dollar may do so by affixing

clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be

obtained at the Bank or at the Post

Office. When the form is presented

with a sum of \$1, it will be deposited

on their daily balance.

6.—Deposits in the Savings Bank having

\$100 or more at the time of their

option transfer the name to the

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-

poration on fixed deposit for 12 months,

at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the

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Postage Stamps of any values.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per

annum will be allowed to depositors

on their daily balances.

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with a Pass-Book which must be pre-

sented with each payment or with-
drawal. Depositors must not make

any entries themselves in their Pass-

Books but should send them to be

written up at least twice a year, about

the beginning of January and begin-

ning of July.

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other Remittances, and generally, cor-

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depositor or his duly appointed agent

and the production of his Pass-Book

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12.—All documents connected with the

business of the Savings Bank are

exempt from stamp duty.

For the

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking

Corporation,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 23, 1884. 710

Bank.

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J. MELVILLE MATSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

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Hongkong, October 20, 1884. 177

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Hongkong, August 15, 1884.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination. Vessels. Captain. Agents. Date of Leaving.

Bangkok. Phra Chom Kla (s). H. Stratton. Yuen Fat Hong. November 3, at 8 a.m.
Batavia, &c., via Suijan. Cobles (s). de Haan. Jardine, Matheson & Co. November 3, at noon.
Bombay, via Straits. Geelong (s). P. Böhme. Siemsen & Co. November 5, at 3 p.m.
Havre, &c., via Suez Canal. Polyphony (s). Goddard. Douglas Lapraik & Co. quick despatch.
Holloway (s). Douglas Lapraik & Co. Oct. 29, at daylight.
London, via Suez Canal. (Hungary) (s). Taylor. Jardine, Matheson & Co. About October 28.
London, via Suez Canal. (Ulysses) (s). Thompson. Butterfield & Swire. November 1.
London, via Suez Canal. (Glenallock) (s). Webster. Jardine, Matheson & Co. October 29, at 5 p.m.
Manila, via Amoy. Emery (s). Bianco. Russell & Co. October 30, at 5 p.m.
Manila, via Amoy. Diamanto (s). Stach. Messengers Maritimes. November 4, at noon.
Marsilles, &c., via Saigon. Saghalien (s). Llewelyn J. Morris. Russell & Co. quick despatch.
New York. Emily Reed. Sheldan. Russell & Co. quick despatch.
New York. San Pablo (s). Edgett. Russell & Co. November 8, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, via Yokohama. Honolulu (s). Russell & Co. quick despatch.
Shanghai, via Amoy. Milligan. Butterfield & Swire. Oct. 27, at daylight.
Shanghai, via Swatow. Buchanan. Russell & Co. October 30, at noon.
Shanghai. Craig. Norman. Jardine, Matheson & Co. October 30, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai. G. G. G. Andrew. Pocock. October 31, at 5 p.m.
Shanghai. Douglas (s). S. Ashton. Douglas Lapraik & Co. Oct. 29, at daylight.
Shanghai. G. G. G. Craig. Russell & Co. Oct. 29, at daylight.
Shanghai. G. G. G. Arthur. Butterfield & Swire. Nov. 12, at daylight.
Shanghai. G. G. G. Winsor. Russell & Co. Oct. 30, at daylight.
Shanghai. G. G. G. Barnes. Russell & Co. quick despatch.
Shanghai. G. G. G. Gibb, Livingston & Co. quick despatch.

Stocks. Nos. of Shares. Value. Paid up. Position per last Report. Balance c'dward.

BANKS. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corporation... 60,000 \$ 125 \$ 125 \$ 4,400,000 \$ 51,442 110 cash, 113 Dec. 31, 1884, buyers

INSURANCES. North-China Insurance Company, Limited... 5,000 £ 200 £ 50 Tls. 540,107 Tls. 280 per share sellers

Yangtze Insurance Company, Limited... 8,000 £ 250 £ 250 50,000 \$ 496,323 \$ 500 ex dir. buyers

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China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited... 24,000 £ 63,330 £ 63,330 6,000 \$ 465,564 \$ 890 ex dir. buyers

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Chinese Insurance Company, Limited... 1,500 £ 1,000 £ 200 £ 208,711,500 \$ 170 nominal

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited... 8,000 £ 250 £ 208 £ 885,000 \$ 35,165,20 buyers

China Fire Insurance Company, Limited... 20,000 £ 100 £ 208 £ 516,978 \$ 201 buyers

STEAM COMPANIES. HK. C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited... 8,000 £ 100 £ 75 £ 213,000 \$ 54,638 \$ 100

Indo-China S. N. Co., Lt. 60,000 £ 100 £ 10 £ 10,000 £ 100 £ 10

China and Manila S. S. Company, Limited... 3,500 £ 100 £ 100 £ 100

MISCELLANEOUS. Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Limited... 10,000 £ 125 £ 125 £ 18,000 \$ 6,401,66 44% prem. cash buyers

HK. C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited... 500 £ 100 £ 10 £ 5,552,17.10

HK. C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited... 1,000 £ 100 £ 7.10 £ 8,552,17.10

China Gas Co., Limited... 1,000 £ 100 £ 100 £ 100

China Sugar Company, Limited... 9,000 £ 100 £ 100 £ 100

Hongkong Ice Company, Limited... 1,250 £ 100 £ 100 £ 24,200 \$ 6,222,700 \$ 140 cash

Hongkong Bakery Company, Limited... 600 £ 50 £ 50 £ 6,000 \$ 626,20 \$ 100 buyers

Lozun Sugar Company, Limited... 7,000 £ 100 £ 100 £ 100

Perak Tin Mining & Smelting Co., Limited... 5,000 £ 50 £ 50 £ 50

Salangona Tin Mining Co., Lt. of Shanghai... 2,500 £ 100 £ 100 £ 100

Hongkong Rope Manufactory Co., Limited... 3,000 £ 50 £ 50 £ 50

LOANS. Date of Interest.

Chinese Imperial 174... 6,276 £ 100 £ 100 £ 8 %

" 1877... 16,042 £ 100 £ 100 £ 8 %

" 1878... 5,562 £ 500 £ 500 £ 8 %

" 1881... 16,042 £ 500 £ 500 £ 8 %

" 1882... 500 £ 500 £ 500 £ 8 %

SHARF LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Oct. 27, 1884.

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British Hongkong is conceded; it is questionable if the Imperial Government will not be called to be satisfied with the expectations, without its realization. We are only a very small community of taxpayers here. There are several large public works which it is imperative for sanitary or commercial reasons should be carried out in the Colony, but we have not sufficient funds for their execution. It will be necessary to borrow money to enable them to be undertaken or completed. We can ill afford the £200,000 per annum exacted from us at the present time for military purposes; it is absurd to think we can contribute largely towards the expense of making Hongkong a strong naval and military out-post for the British Empire. Nor do we think we are called upon to do anything of the kind. If the British Empire requires strongholds in various parts of the world, the British Empire may be reasonably expected to pay for them. Local interests, which it is proposed to tax heavily for these fortifications, are only a twentieth-part of the interests concerned in the security and prosperity of Hongkong. The Colony is merely a trading, as well as a naval and military, station, for the British people at large. We conduct their local business for them, and although we have a direct interest in the security and prosperity of Hongkong, yet it is not reasonable to throw upon the handful of Europeans here any considerable proportion of the cost of defending what are the interests of a great and rich nation. Reasonable or not reasonable, Hongkong is not in a position to bear any considerable portion of the cost of fortifying the harbour. It is strongly desirable that such work should be carried out, but it is necessary that it should be done at the expense of the Empire, and that the Home Government should be satisfied with our annual contribution of £200,000, which is a severe enough tax upon the Colony in these days when the search for wealth here is about as arduous and profitless as it is in any other part of the world.

TELEGRAMS.

DEMONSTRATION IN HYDE PARK.

London, Oct. 26.

A Demonstration of an orderly character, estimated to consist of 100,000 persons, took place in Hyde Park, and resolutions were passed in favor of the abolition of the House of Lords.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED CANAL.—Anchored, Oct. 2; Flinshire, Teister, and Glengore, Oct. 14; Benarty, Cyclops, and Duncalton, Oct. 16.

The next French Man-of-war, the M. M. steamer *Irreverdy*, left Singapore for Saigon and this port on Saturday, the 27th instant, at Noon, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 1st November.

The S. S. *Bentley* left Singapore for this port on the 25th instant.

DOCK MOVEMENTS.—
The *Haikou* will go to Kowloon Dock to-morrow.
The *Retra* will go to Kowloon Dock to-morrow.
The *Phoebe* *Chow Kiao* went to Cosmopolitan Dock to-day.
The *Thales* will leave Kowloon Dock to-morrow.
The *Saltire* will leave Kowloon Dock to-morrow.
The *Polyphemus* left Aberdeen Dock to-day.
The *Third* left Cosmopolitan Dock to-day.

FUTTA KHAN, the private in the Gun Line, who was charged a short time since with causing the death of a comrade named Michael Gomes, on the 9th September, was brought up on remand yesterday, before Mr. Wm. The evidence produced was much the same as that taken at the inquest, when a verdict of accidental death was returned. This was quite insufficient to convict the man upon, and he was therefore discharged.

There is likely to be some difficulty experienced this year in procuring a supply of griffins from the North for racing purposes; indeed, we are told it is impossible to purchase any for love or money. It is to be hoped, however, this order of things will not last, though at present there seems every chance of its doing so. The Chinese Government, owing to the trouble with France, have forbidden the exportation of ponies from the breeding grounds to Shanghai and the South. Orders have been sent from Hongkong for twenty-one subscription griffins, fourteen less than came down last year. If Mongolian racers are not forthcoming shortly, the order may be transferred to Japan.

PREPARATIONS for tomorrow's bazaar and entertainments are going on merrily, and the arrangements are likely to be completed in good time. The matched erections are four in number. Across the centre path way and in front of the steps leading to the Fountain is a compact shed, with a raised and rosy stage, intended for the accommodation of the performers in the evening. At the head of the steps and in front of the Fountain is a neat little booth, which is to be utilized as a refreshment stall. On either side of the circular path surrounding the Fountain is a crescent-shaped structure, each containing several small sheds. All the sheds are very prettily draped, inside and out, with flags. Silken bamboo are planted at intervals in the Gardens, with wires running between them, from which will be suspended variegated lamps.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the weather, which at present looks rather dull and threatening, will be all that one could wish, and that the "show" will be garnished by all, high and low, rich and poor.

GENERAL BRITISH TELEGRAMS TO THE GOVERNOR AT SAIGON, UNDER DATE OF DECEMBER 10.—Following the fighting of the 10th and 11th October, we have driven into the mountains Chinese corps d'armes, entrenched above Looman. Our losses are 20 killed and 92 wounded.

SEVERAL reports of the annexation of New Guinea have been telegraphed out here from time to time, and have proved to be unfounded. It appears, however, at last that Great Britain is on the point of actually taking possession of that portion of the Island which is nearest to Australian territory and which is not claimed by the Dutch. A telegram from London, dated October 21st, stated: "The Commodores of the Australian station has been ordered to proceed to New Guinea, and to proclaim a British protectorate of the South coast, including adjacent islands." This telegram was followed by another, dated two days later, announcing that Major General Schellace had been appointed High Commissioner for New Guinea. It was not likely that any other nation would venture to lay claim to territory which lies within a few miles of the Australian continent and which forms one of the shores of Torres Straits, but, considering the general scramble for territory that appears to be going on among the European powers, it was perhaps as well for England at once to place her claim to the territory beyond doubt, and to take some steps for the development of the trade of the island and its colonization. There are a whole cluster of islands round the South-eastern coast.

THE S. S. *Fokien*, which arrived this morning from Tamsui, Amoy &c., brings some further details respecting the blockade of the Formosan coast by the French squadron under Admiral Courbet.

The *Fokien* arrived at Tamsui about noon on the 24th inst., and steamed towards her usual anchorage, when a shot across her bows from the French cruiser *Duguay Trouin* caused her to bring up short, and it was then seen that signals were being made to them from the cruiser. These were, however, not displayed distinctly enough to be read on board the *Fokien*, so Captain Harris signalled back to the Frenchman to exhibit his signals more clearly, and a message was then made out requesting the *Fokien* to steam up alongside the man-of-war. This was done and an officer from the *Duguay Trouin* came on board the *Fokien* and informed the captain that a strict blockade of the Formosan coast was started by a crash, followed by yells such as have not been heard since the Indians left. These wild noises came from my inventive guest's apartment, and seizing a revolver prominently in the dark, and that had the effect of redoubling the cries. Other guests arrived with lights and we found no burglars about, but our friend on the bed under a mass of ruins. It seems that he had been started by a dream of murder, and rising confused had been hit by his fan, and blindly resisting the blow, had gone into a general engagement with his own machinery. The revolver I had encountered was another ingenious contrivance, fastened to the door to repel burglars.—*Don Platt.*

My mind has been turned in this direction by the experience of a guest—a most ingenious gentleman of an inventive turn, who came to pass some weeks with me at Mac-o-chee. He came loaded down with inventions, gotten up more for his personal comfort than with an idea of profit. Among these was "Walcot's Patent Bed-cooler and Moquito-guard" which consisted of a huge fan suspended above the bed, so worked by a camping machine that the weight of the occupant kept it moving for ten hours. As we are without mosquitoes at Mac-o-chee, and the nights are so cool that we sleep under blankets, I told him that it was scarcely necessary to set up his invaluable invention. He persisted, and at the dead hour of midnight the household was startled by a crash, followed by yells such as have not been heard since the Indians left. These wild noises came from my inventive guest's apartment, and seizing a revolver prominently in the dark, and that had the effect of redoubling the cries. Other guests arrived with lights and we found no burglars about, but our friend on the bed under a mass of ruins. It seems that he had been started by a dream of murder, and rising confused had been hit by his fan, and blindly resisting the blow, had gone into a general engagement with his own machinery. The revolver I had encountered was another ingenious contrivance, fastened to the door to repel burglars.—*Don Platt.*

Meanwhile the foreign residents at Tamsui are unable to leave the port if they desire to do so until the arrival of an English man-of-war, the privilege of communicating with their nationals being strictly limited to men-of-war.

The officers of the *Duguay Trouin* are expecting the arrival of reinforcements which will enable them to occupy Tamsui, within ten or twelve days. There are believed to be fully 7,000 or 8,000 Chinese troops around Tamsui.

AT A MEETING OF THE CELESTIAL REASONING ASSOCIATION (native) at Singapore, on the 18th October, the following question, proposed by Mr. Lew Cheng-Ching, was discussed:—"Which is more easily preserved, the health of the fat man or of the lean?" After an animated debate the majority decided in favor of the lean kind.

TAX FOLLOWING EXTRAORDINARY STORY, ACCORDING TO A PARIS CORRESPONDENT, IS TOLD BY AN OLD SCHOOLMASTER, LATE FRENCH CONSUL-GENERAL AT SHANGHAI, AND RECENTLY APPOINTED MINISTER PLUMPTONIATY TO FRANCE.

Twenty-five years ago he was at school at Tonnerre. There he was nicknamed "Jan-Jan" on account of his singularly yellow complexion. He was a quiet lad, not brilliant, often bullied by his comrades, and somewhat hardly treated by his professors. When fifteen he passed a vacation with an uncle in Burgundy, and had for companion a cousin, much younger than himself. Their delight was to play at soldiers, and the cousin shouldered a rusty flint gun and the cousin donned an old sabre. One day it was agreed that they should get up some wine from the cellar, but with any misgiving, health not merely to play at soldiers plundering. As the cousin was mounting the cellar stairs, Jan-Jan pulled the trigger. The gun, which he did not know to be loaded, went off and blew out the brains of the young cousin. Lemire's family, horrified at the event, sent him to see a cabin boy. Nothing was heard of him for years, and he sent home no letters. At last it was found out that he had established himself at Saigon, had learned Chinese, and was employed as interpreter at the French Consulate. Later news came that he had married a foolish Chinese lady, whether a widow or not is not stated, and now the result of that unfortunate life with the first gun is that he is recognized as the most accomplished diplomatist that France can find to conduct her affairs among the yellow people.

THE LATE RIOTING IN WENCHOW AGREEMENT FOR COMPENSATION.—The ordinary people and the Christians of Wenchow having had a quarrel, resulting in the arson and burning of the residence of Messrs Scott, Stott, Wheler, and Jackson, their chapels, the Roman Catholic establishment of Frosco, the priest [Customs] residence in Hwa-chiau Street and Temple Hill Lane, Mr. Scott's Chapel in Juan district, &c. Apart from the question of punishment, compensation must be made for the value of the churches, houses, utensils, clothes, &c., thus burnt. It is agreed with the Consul and Messrs Jackson and Stott that the total amount of compensation shall be \$35,000 to be paid in four instalments. Henceforward the ordinary people and Christians must live peaceably as before and may not raise further disputes. The Chinese on the one hand and the foreigners on the other sign this document as evidence that they neither of them have any objection to offer.

THE CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND GENTRY OF WENCHOW ARE WILLING TO PAY IN FIVE INSTALMENTS \$35,000 COMPENSATION, TO BE RECEIVED BY MR. CONSUL PARKER ON BEHALF OF THOSE CONCERNED.

THE SAID FIVE INSTALMENTS AS FOLLOWS: FIRST \$25,000 PAID ON THE FIRST OF THIS MONTH (10th Oct.), THEN THREE MONTHS OF \$10,000 EACH CLEAR ON THE 1st OF THE 10th AND 12th DECEMBER, 1884; 16th JANUARY, 1885.

3.—Each instalment is to be paid by given by the [Customs] Chen Shang Bank, payable on Mr. Consul Parker's official order to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Shanghai.

4.—Of the said \$35,000 \$10,000 go to compensate the Missionaries Stott and Wheler, for their buildings and chattels; \$7,500 to compensate the Missionaries Jackson and Stott for their buildings and chattels; \$7,414 to compensate the Missionary Frosco for all his buildings and chattels, not English and Italian Missionaries \$2,014.

5.—It is for Sir Robert Hart, in consultation with the Foreign board, to arrange about the loss of the Customs officers, which are not members of the Consul's Staff, the Tao-tai and his collector. It was ascertained that the Commissioners of Revenue and the Customs officers have been appointed by the Consul to the Tao-tai, &c. and the other two, the assistants Macgowen and Banville, the tailors and servants, the things in the Club, &c., the gross sum will not exceed \$10,000; and as the Tao-tai, &c. are desirous of quickly settling the compensation, they have specially requested the Consul to take charge of the same pending any steps Sir Robert Hart may see fit to take.

6.—There is no over estimate in the above compensation sums. If hereafter it should be found that Missionaries or Customs officials have indeed overestimated, the balance will be returned by the Consul or Commissioner respectively; but if it is found that the losses of the Missionaries or Customs officials should have been underestimated, it is agreed that nothing is to be added beyond the named total of \$35,000.

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not yet been any further alarms lately as to the French coming to bombard the fort; but there is a quiet sort of feeling all round—a calm before a storm—which causes anxiety to some people who know that when the port is closed by ice they will, in the event of a disturbance, be caught like rats in a trap. No news of any gunboat coming here for our protection during the winter, although we hear that other countries are not so well provided for.

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